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MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ:

QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON
THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES
THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAVE LONG
CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE.

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GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI, FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ' TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT FORD DATED JULY 4, 1975:

HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. GERALD FORD,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

I AM PLEASED TO SEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON THE OCCASION
OF THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF THE UNITED STATES, IN MY
NAME AND THAT OF THE COLOMBIAN PEOPLE, MY CORDIAL
GREETINGS AND SINCERE WISHES FOR THE PROSPERITY OF
YOUR NATION AND FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS. I AVAIL
MYSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY ON THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS
TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY CONVICTION THAT THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CO
OMBIA WILL BECOME
EVEN MORE CLOSE IN THE FUTURE. ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY,
MY SENTIMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ESTEEM.

ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN
PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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